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Italian Club Celebrates 25th Anniversary

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Incontri, Laurentian University Italian Club, celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a dinner and dance on Friday, March 14 at the Caruso Club. Members of Incontri joined members of the community to celebrate this special occasion.

The evening included performances by the Caruso Club Choir and Alessandro Costantini – a young Italian-Canadian singer and movie star, and stand-up comedian and former Incontri member Sandra Battaglini. Presentations of congratulations were presented from the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at Laurentian University and the Students' General Association. The evening also included remarks from Founding Professor Dr. Paul Colilli and current President Daniele Muscolino.

"Twenty-five years is an outstanding accomplishment for a club that was started on the initiative of a professor and students in Laurentian's Italian studies program," said

Daniele Muscolino, Incontri student president during the Banquet. "It's clear our club is full of passionate students who are excited about our Italian her-

itage," he said. "For 25 years, our club has enriched the campus with enthusiasm that only Italians can produce."

Today, Incontri is the

biggest and most active club at Laurentian University. As Incontri celebrates their 25th Anniversary, they are now recognized as the oldest and longest-running student club at Laurentian. Over the course of the year Incontri has celebrated and promoted the Italian heritage through numerous events such as PastaFest!, Foosball and Bocce Tournaments, "Viva Italia!" Celebration Nights, and Espresso Cafés.

For the 25th Anniversary, Incontri has begun a new partnership with the Caruso Club – Sudbury's main focus of the Italian Community. It is their hope that this new found friendship will continue to benefit young Italian-Canadians in Sudbury to

become more active in celebrating their Italian heritage.

"Over the years, the club has sparked a curiosity for students of all backgrounds and cultures, and brought them together to celebrate and learn about Italian customs," Muscolino said.

"Incontri has become like a typical Italian family with many people, lots of food, some arguments, but most importantly, the friendships we have shared being members of this club."

"It is my hope that Incontri continues to inspire people to become active in their Italian culture, and that it may continue for another 25 years," he said.

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left: Former Incontri Member and Stand-up Comedian Sandra Battaglini performs at the 25th Anniversary Banquet

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The 25th Anniversary Planning Committee (From L-R) Miranda Basso, Kati Ihamaki, Hilary Simpson, Melissa Gaboury, Silvano Costantini, Daniele Muscolino, Elizabeth Michael, Romina Calisi, Celeste Woods, Trevor Dagostino, and Leah Azzarello (Missing: Laura Mould).



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Easter is significantly less fun when you have The Plague

Things that are not helpful to essaying: Redtube, SGA elections, robots



Alex Taylor
Editor-in-Chief

SGA elections last week were physically draining but emotionally uplifting - Poll clerking both days gave me a great opportunity to hang out with all the lovely people on campus and also made me pretty proud to be a student here. Although voter turnout wasn't as high as last year, I was really impressed with the

number of people who came to vote voluntarily, and who had done their homework ahead of time and made educated decisions. The turnout for the speeches last Monday was also fantastic, with lots of people asking questions and challenging the candidates. I'd like to personally thank everyone who was involved in the elections this year - I had a great time and I hope everyone is excited about their new executive and the upcoming year.

I'd also like to give a

shoutout to Advil Cold and Sinus Liquid Gels. I'm usually pretty *au naturel* when it comes to healthcare - partly because I never get sick but also because I'm not a big fan of putting chemicals into this... temple... of mine. That said, when one gets The Plague and feels like death with a fever, Advil is the best chemical soup available. Trust me on this one!

We're looking for someone to take over the paper next year, so if you're interested in hearing more about it or

applying for the job, please email lambda@laurentian.ca - It's a fun, fulfilling job and you'd be good at it. Yes, you.

I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend, and I wish you all the best of luck on the last two weeks of classes - Have a look through the paper and keep an eye on the upcoming events. See you on April 10th for the last edition of the year.

Happy no-pants-dance
Thursday,
-Alex

each
week

March 26th-29th
down in the pub

WEDNESDAY
Malibu Beach Night + Rafting Draw

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Letter to the Editor: Response to Dr. Woodsworth resignation article, March 13, 2008

It must be symptomatic of our age of cynicism, discontent and suspicion in our elders and leaders that you chose to publish those puerile words ("She wasn't the worst president in Laurentian's history, but she certainly wasn't the best either") of rancor by a cowardly, perhaps unhappy, student of an exceptionally competent and affable person who has earned an exceedingly remarkable stature as an educator and leader in the academic world. That ridiculous comment certainly was a cheap shot! Dr. Judith Woodsworth completed her first term and the Laurentian University Board of Governors, in their wisdom, renewed her 5-year contract in 2007.

Whenever I approached her, especially when the Sudbury's Interfaith Community organized the September 11 Memorial Service in our city, she was most gracious and gladly represented the University in that community event. We must refrain from such subtle sinister stabbing our leaders whom once we appreciated and entrusted them with a distinguished office of honor and dignity. Our students should learn decency, imagination and generosity of spirit when they speak of their leaders; obviously this 'anonymous' student hasn't learnt that yet! For decades, I have been in the business of serving the nitpicky community of miserable sinners and potential saints; it is not easy to please the disillusioned public. I don't try to please any one, nevertheless I am committed to do my job with excellence, integrity and passion. George Orwell once said, "Saints should be judged guilty until they are proven innocent".

Best wishes to President Judith Woodsworth as she strives to lead another Canadian academic institution of repute and is ever committed to the formation of character and mould perspectives of potential future leaders of Canada and our world!

Yours faithfully,

The Rev. Dr. John T. Mathew
Department of Religious Studies
Huntington & Laurentian Universities

Incontri banquet celebrates 25th anniversary



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Professors in the Italian Studies Program present a plaque of congratulations: (From L-R) Presenting are Dr. Paul Colilli, Dr. Diana Iuele-Colilli, and Dr. Christine Sansalone and accepting is Incontri President Daniele Muscolino.



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Local Italian-Canadian singer and movie-star Alessandro Costantini performs at Incontri's 25th Anniversary Banquet

Laurentian professor to speak at prestigious mining conference

Dr. Greg Baiden, professor in Laurentian University's School of Engineering and Canada Research Chair in Robotics and Mine Automation, has been chosen to be a guest speaker at Automining 2008, an international congress on automation in the mining industry. It will be taking place April 23-25, 2008 in Santiago, Chile.

Automining 2008 is an international forum where professionals can meet and interact about innovations and recent developments related to automation applied mining, mineral processing, pyrometallurgy, hydrometallurgy, electrometallurgy and metal manufacturing. It promotes international networking, collaboration and technical exchange, enabling specialists to discuss emerging developments in the mining industry.

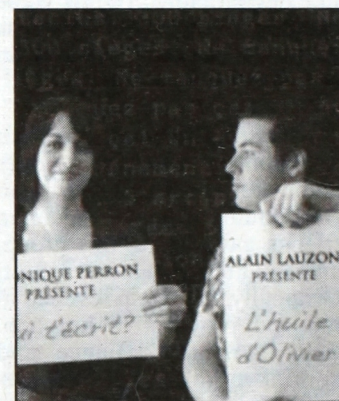
Dr. Baiden will be presenting a paper on Telerobotics for intelligent block caving operations to over 200 information technologists, automation and robotics specialists, as well as decision makers from domestic and international mining companies.

The five graduating students of Laurentian University's Arts d'expression program present FINAL POINT.

Not much time is left before FINAL POINT, which, in fact, is only the beginning. The students, Karine Comeau, Anie Cousineau, Anique Larose, Alain Lauzon and Véronique Perron, have leaped into an exploration, an adventure that will reach its end as they each present their own creation.

FINAL POINT is an event that combines four years of emotions, challenges and passion. The five theatrical productions are all original creations. This is an event so captivating you won't want to blink!

Presentations will run



from Wednesday, March 26 to Sunday, March 30, at 7 p.m., in the Alphonse-Raymond Auditorium of Laurentian University.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors.

For more information or to reserve tickets, please contact the program's office at (705) 675-1151, ext. 5018.

Reel Paddling Film Fest returns to LU

Laurentian University's Outdoor Adventure Leadership Program and Ramakko's Source for Adventure are proud to present the third annual Reel Paddling Film Festival World Tour. It will be held at Laurentian's Fraser Auditorium in Sudbury on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.). This is Sudbury's second year hosting the event and it is being held once again as a fundraiser for Laurentian's Outdoor Adventure Leadership Program. In June, the third year Adventure Leadership students will embark on a two-week journey down the Winisk River. The proceeds from this event are going to help them achieve their goal.

The Reel Paddling Film Festival World Tour is an international event presenting the world's best whitewater, sea kayaking and canoeing action and lifestyle films of the year on screens in 75 cities across Canada, the United States and the world.

With more than 30 paddling films short listed for the World Tour, including the eight festival category winners, audiences can expect to see hairy whitewater action, sea kayakers explore remote coastlines, monster kayak fishing, bug-infested canoe expeditions, international travel films, environmental documentaries and hilarious short films capturing the lighter side of the paddling life.



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On this year's World Tour you can expect to see these great films: Threshers Yak Style, where you'll hook into a 125-pound thresher shark from a kayak; Source to Sea is expedition kayaker Ram Silwals' story about fulfilling a dream - 1,350 kilometres in 19 days from the high mountains of the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal; the documentary 49 Megawatts takes a close look at the future of British Columbia's rivers and why the government is fast-tracking hydro projects under the name of

"green power"; follow six Serbian Canadians in Canoeing to the Arctic as they descend the Hood River to the Arctic Sound; Source is an action-packed, epic global kayak adventure down the world's greatest rivers, including the highest waterfall; Jon Bowermasters' Birthplace of the Wind is a sea kayak journey to five volcanic Aleutian islands rising straight out of the sea; and Lockapalooza Rodeo, a clever claymation featurette made by 11-year-old Ben Doran. Plus, local hosts can choose to play any of the other 24 films on the

World Tour.

The Reel Paddling Film Festival World Tour is produced by Rapid Media and presented in Sudbury by Laurentian's Outdoor Adventure Leadership Program and Ramakko's on March 28, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at Ramakko's, Books and Beans and Laurentian's SGA and Active Living Offices. For more information, please call Ramakko's at (705) 522-8889 or email jv_logan@laurentian.ca



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This weekend at the Townehouse

Paul Loewenberg
thetownehouse.com

Friday, March 28th - Konflikt Dramatik, with guests - \$6.00 at the door

The most fascinating aspect of Konflikt Dramatik is its capacity for transforming itself without betrayal or denial of its roots. Constant mutation prevents this band from relaxing completely into the false security of formulaic composition. And clear-sightedness allows it to avoid self-caricature, to focus more clearly on self reinvention, to maintain the integrity of its own voice even as it explores new directions. The group is at the top of its game, and partaking of the cup of life like never before. Yet, its voice and textures have never been as subtle. A successful connexion between integrity and impact.

Konflikt dramatiK was born in Sudbury in 1997 when singer and keyboardist Christian Berthiaume and musician friends gave life to this group, and quickly stood out. Originally, the group revelled in rap and provocative hip hop. The charisma, defiance and confidence this band leader expresses created a mini-revolution in the relatively conservative Franco-Ontarian musical universe, and his political and social commitment remain a positive surprise. The lineup quickly formed and stabilized around the equilibrium provided by its own creative universe. The strength of its compositions, the generosity of its live shows and the ardour of its musicians rallied thousands of young francophones across the country to the Konflikt dramatiK cause. Curiously, they got their greatest satisfaction using street technology to put together video clips inspired by some of their newest compositions. This is where the group really stood out from the crowd, with the improbable success of Muscivore Plus and the clip inspired by the cut entitled Fait à la maison. Konflikt Dramatik realized this meant that the time for compromise had passed and that total creative freedom and exploration were to be their most valuable assets.

Christian and Josée flourished on the challenge of healing their wounds and transposing the musical essentials of Konflikt dramatiK into vast, new, untamed regions. They could already count on their two newest members, younger yet, and with even broader horizons. Shawn Arseneau, bass guitarist and Cory Lalonde on drums. The group withdrew to a quiet place, a old Sudbury

morgue that the group had resuscitated and metamorphosed into a studio, where some astonishing music was born. The groups' fans were startled by these brand new works - more modern, less disreputable, more precise and uninhibited - only to end up seduced by the band's increased conviction...like a long-lost love who comes back enhanced and transformed by the passage of the years, and with whom we surprise ourselves by loving better than the first time. The band's new flavour is best appreciated on stage. Live and in the flesh.

Saturday, March 29th - Statues, Horses, Malcolm Bauld - \$5.00 at the door

The mother of all punk pop shows for the season... cast of the shackles of winter with Statues, quickly becoming the most talked about band in Sudbury, and creeping across the country... This is the last chance to see Statues before they head across the water to Europe for three weeks in April/ May to hit many countries on the continent. Their record, New People Make Me Nervous has been issued on a German label and the old world is going crazy for it.

You might say that Montreal based singer-songwriter Malcolm Bauld has been trying to make up for a nickname-less youth. To attempt the unenviable task of playing every city or town in Canada (when was the last time you rocked Okotoks, Alberta?) you're going to need some help. Greg Macpherson, Billy the Kid, Statues, Tom Fun Orchestra, Horses and Anthem Red have all played a role in his touring life. In Montreal you're likely to find him picking up whatever's on stage or in the studio and helping out folks like Dirty Tricks, Pawa Up First, Yesterday's Ring, Plastic Patrick, and Fifth Hour Hero to name a few. He's supported Amos Lee, Jets To Brazil, The Constantines, The New Amsterdams, Crooked Fingers, The Living End and The Weakerthans at home. On his most recent recordings you'll hear members of Sudbury power pop combo Statues (Radio 81, Pelado Records). Other tracks have included members of Montreal punks The Sainte Catherines (Fat Records), Mike Feuerstack (Snailhouse) and Abigail Lapell. Brought up on a steady diet of everything from seventies brit punk to American folk, Bauld is clearly hooked on the melodies and rhythms of simple, honest rock and roll.

Laurentian Concert Series - Handel's Belshazzar

Friday, March 28, 2008

7:30 P.M.

GLAD TIDINGS TABERNACLE
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LAURENTIAN BOOKSTORE, GUITAR CLINIC,
GLAD TIDINGS TABERNACLE
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The Laurentian University Choir, under the direction of Dr. Robert Hall inaugurated the new Glad Tidings auditorium last March in an exciting performance of Mendelssohn's Elijah enjoyed by over one thousand audience members. The Old Testament narrative found in Handel's Belshazzar promises to equal the dramatic intensity of Elijah. Performed in English, it tells of the downfall of King Belshazzar, including the famous scene with the "handwriting on the wall", which will be recreated with the video technology available in the Glad Tidings facility. While Handel's oratorios are not stage or costumed, the characters are distinctly represented and will be sung by five guest soloists. The choir in the work alternately represents the Israelites and Persians, including the wild revels of the famous Belshazzar's Feast. The sixty-five voices of the Laurentian University Choir will be joined by about thirty community members for a chorus of almost one hundred.

Stratford organist Ian Sadler will again return to Sudbury to provide the accompaniment. The organ will be supplemented by several instrumentalists to enrich the orchestral sound.

Tickets will be sold at Black Cat Too, Laurentian University Bookstore, Guitar Clinic, and Glad Tidings office or at the door (if available). General Admission \$20 Students/Seniors \$15

Ontario Budget provides little relief for students

Sarah Millar
CUP Ontario Bureau Chief

TORONTO (CUP) -- The Ontario Liberals presented their first budget since being re-elected last October. And with an expected surplus of over \$600 million, there was also room for new spending in post-secondary education.

Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, also noted this was the government's third consecutive balanced budget.

The budget focused primarily on the government's five-point economic plan and, while last fall's election did not focus on post-secondary education, there was room in the budget for post-secondary education and training.

"We are investing in the skills and education of our people so that they have real opportunities for success," Duncan said.

"We have been getting great results. Today, over 90,000 more young people are going on to college or university than five years ago. Over 10,000 more young people are graduating from high school every year."

He also said that Ontario has a greater portion of the population with post-secondary education than any western nation.

"But there is more to do," Duncan said.

To stimulate growth in post-secondary education, Duncan outlined a three year \$1.5-billion skills to jobs action plan.

The plan will increase apprenticeship spaces, college and university spaces and help students with the financial burden of their education.

Spaces in apprenticeship programs will increase 25 per cent — over 32,500 seats — in the next three years.

The government is also following through with its election promise of a introducing textbook and technology grants for college and university students. A new distance education grant for students living in rural and northern Ontario is also on the books and both will take effect this fall.

During the election, however, the Liberals said the textbook and technology grant would amount to \$300. Instead it will only be half that and only available to full-time students.

"And we will help build new and improved post-secondary and skills-training classrooms and facilities through \$970 million in capital funding," Duncan said.

The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA), which represent 15,000 faculty members across the province, said the budget failed post-secondary education needs.

"This budget missed the point. New buildings are not enough. For students to receive the quality education they deserve, sufficient academic staff need to be hired. The only way to reduce class sizes and improve student-faculty ratios is to hire more faculty now," said Brian E.

Brown, president of OCUFA.

"All we are asking is that students have access to the same quality of education as their parents did."

The Canadian Federation of Students' Ontario wing was also disappointed with the budget.

"Students are disappointed that the budget ignores student financial aid," said Jen Hassum, chairperson of CFS-Ontario. "This budget is ignoring the financial barriers to post-secondary education."

Hassum said that the technology and textbook grant will cost the government more to implement than the first year of the tuition fee freeze did.

When tuition fees were frozen after the Liberal government first took office, it cost \$60-million in the first year. The technology and text book grant will cost \$300-million in its first year.

"You tell me what the better policy is? I think students know the answer."

Duncan also called on support from the federal government, something the Ontario Liberal party has not found in Stephen Harper's Conservatives.

"Ontarians are proud Canadians and we're not looking for a special deal — we're looking for the same deal. It's only right."

"We want a strong Ontario because a strong Ontario means a strong Canada."

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Shut off lights for Earth Hour this Saturday

What is Earth Hour?

Earth Hour, run by WWF, the conservation organisation, is a global climate change initiative which calls on individuals and businesses around the world, to turn off their lights for one hour on Saturday March 29 2008 between 8 pm and 9pm.

The aim of the campaign is to express that individual action on a mass scale can help change our planet for the better.

The event itself will clearly demonstrate in participating cities, the connection between energy usage and climate change, showing that we as broader community can address the biggest threat our planet has ever faced.

Why do we need to act?

Global warming is one of the greatest threats the world has ever faced. Our continued reliance on electricity sourced from coal-fired power stations is causing a dramatic increase in the Earth's temperature, resulting in rising sea levels,

an increase in drought and severe storms, and massive changes to the environment we all rely on to survive.

What do I need to do on the night?

The most important thing to do on the night is turn off your lights between 8pm and 9pm. There will also be events held on the night, check back later for event updates.

Where is Earth Hour taking place?

In 2008 Earth Hour will be taking place in over 20 cities around the world, and the list keeps growing. We always hoped that Earth Hour would grow into this global campaign. To start this process we focused on one of Australia's, and the world's iconic cities, Sydney. Thanks to the support of Earth Hour in 2007 we've now asked other cities, both in Australia and internationally, to join us in supporting Earth Hour. Of course, we can all take small actions everyday like turning off unnecessary lighting to

reduce our emissions. And we would be delighted if you can join us by turning off your lights for Earth Hour, regardless of where you live.

How much CO2 will be saved during the event?

Last year we measured how much energy saved during Earth Hour in Sydney and achieved a reduction of 10.2% (more than doubled our target of 5%). But the main aim of the campaign is to continue to be energy efficient beyond Earth Hour, making small actions everyday to achieve our goal in reducing global greenhouse gas emissions in 2008.

Who's behind Earth Hour?

Earth Hour started as a joint initiative between WWF-Australia, Fairfax Media and Leo Burnett for the city of Sydney. The intent is for the event to be adopted by other residents, communities, businesses and governments around the world so they too can help demonstrate that

individual action on a mass scale can help change our planet for the better.

Why do we need to act?

Global warming is now the greatest threat the world has ever faced. Our continued reliance on electricity sourced from coal-fired power stations is causing a dramatic increase in the Earth's temperature, resulting in rising sea levels, an increase in drought and severe storms, and massive changes to the environments we all rely on to survive. There is still time to change how our planet will look in the future. If we act now. For example, if all Australian households simply turned off unused lights and appliances on standby at the power point Australia's emissions would be reduced by at least 5 million tonnes per annum. The greenhouse gas savings would be equivalent to taking 1.5 million cars off the road for a year.

How will Earth Hour help?

Earth Hour shows that, together, our small actions

can make a difference to global warming. Find out more about global warming by visiting www.wwf.org.au There were two key objectives for Earth Hour in 2007. The first was to engage as many households, communities and businesses to turn their lights out for one hour. It also marked the beginning of a 12-month campaign by WWF-Australia and Fairfax Media to reduce Sydney's emissions by 5%. This year we hope to inspire other cities and towns to take action and reduce greenhouse gas emissions globally.

What to do everyday

The goal of last year's Earth Hour was reduce Sydney's greenhouse gas emissions by 5%. This year we hope to inspire other cities and towns to take action and reduce greenhouse gas emissions globally. Participating in Earth Hour is one way that you can show your support for this, but to reach our target we need to keep saving energy throughout the year.

Thorneloe Students Perform War Scenes and Songs

The Acting 1 students of Thorneloe University have been thinking a lot about war lately. Their research has whisked them from the battle of Agincourt to the First and Second World Wars.

It is traditional for first and second year acting students perform a piece at the end of the academic year - a piece intended to show how far the students have progressed during their acting course. This year, the Acting 1 students have selected to do a collective based on the theme of war.

The collective opens with a rudimentary stick battle that leads into William Shakespeare's intense St. Crispin's Day speech from Henry V. Following that, the show is peppered with scenes and songs that depict everything from loss of love to the comedy inherent in a group of

young guys hanging out together wondering how they came to be part of war. The show includes one of the best known and best loved war poems, "In Flanders Fields" written by Canadian John McCrae the day after he lost a dear comrade, Alexis Helmer from Ottawa, in World War 1.

To bridge some of the scenes, the students will perform some classic war songs such as "The White Cliffs of Dover", "Wish Me Luck", "We'll Meet Again" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy". The show ends with the John Lennon piece, "Imagine" where Lennon challenges us to think about a world without war.

One of the unique monologues in the show comes from the perspective of the Sudbury Emergency doctor who went to Afghanistan for three months this past win-

ter. Dr. Ray Wiss took leave from Sudbury's St. Joseph's Health Unit emergency ward to volunteer his services in Afghanistan. Acting student James Kershaw will perform a monologue written from Dr. Wiss's perspective. To help with Kershaw's portrayal, Wiss has generously loaned his war uniform to the student for the show.

Directed by course instructor Judi Straughan and assistant directed by third year acting student Nathin Lambovitch, A War Show will showcase the talents of these young men and women for two performances only, Saturday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the Thorneloe Theatre on the hill at Laurentian University. Admission is free.

For further information, contact the Thorneloe University office at 673-1730 ext 0.

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Landslide win for Strange; Turpin holds onto VP issues

Alex Taylor
Editor-in-Chief

After an exhausting campaign period that included speeches in the Great Hall and Science II Caf, the 2008/2009 elections have drawn to a close.

A number of candidates hovered around the SGA office on Thursday night, waiting patiently for ballots to be counted and results to be announced.

After a strong campaign, presidential candidate Ashley Strange saw a dramatic win over her competitors Adnan Dimassi and Ahmad Mobarak, finishing with 621 votes, over 80%. Kayla Turpin triumphed over Chris 'Skip' Zapalski to hold onto her position as VP student issues. Joining her on the executive again next year will be acclaimed candidate Amanda Ree, VP student services.

The WUSC referendum passed with more than 79% student support - significantly lower than the 90% 'yes' vote in the AEF elections last week, but still more than enough to secure the referendum.

All the winners will be ratified by the SGA board after press time Wednesday, and Lambda will have more information from your new SGA executive in the next edition of the paper.

Lambda would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's election, including the current SGA executive and office coordinators, the candidates, the CRO, and of course, the voters for making this election one of the most exciting in recent history.

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ADNAN DIMASSI	2	4	1	4	11	28	8	58
AHMAD MOBARAK	1	1	4	0	3	51	9	68
ASHLEY STRANGE	31	33	52	52	40	188	225	621
VP STUDENT ISSUES								
KAYLA TURPIN	21	31	41	38	38	213	117	499
CHRIS 'SKIP' ZAPALSKI	12	7	11	23	14	44	121	232
VP STUDENT SERVICES								
AMANDA REE	16	21	15	20	31	89	150	342
SENATOR								
LUKE WOKTAN	25	20	32	32	33	165	163	452
WESLEY OSAPUDIANEN	9	26	10	38	15	99	97	294
DARREN PALONE	8	12	23	20	13	84	99	259
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YES	27	23	46	47	39	214	176	578
NO	5	8	10	13	11	42	48	137

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The Non-Micro Microwave Fiasco



Mustafa
Abdulhusein

I sit here all alone on a cold bench eating my food. I'm steaming from frustration and anger. My food, which ironically should also be steaming – is not.

No, instead this meal feels colder than the bench on which I rest my laurels (laurels is a polite way of saying 'bum').

I glance down at my watch – its only 8:30 pm. I've just come from a human anatomy lab, and most of the school is empty. Eating cold food on a cold bench in an empty school. Depressing thought isn't it? Well, that wouldn't be the case if it was 2:30 pm instead of 8:30 pm. Or even if it was 6:30 pm. That's because at 2:30 pm, the Science Cafeteria would still be open and the use of that beautiful machine known

as a microwave would still be permitted. Of course, the Science Caf stays open up to the insanely late hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon. And the Great Hall keeps its impressive doors wide open until 7:00 in the evening.

After that?

Well, after 7:00 in the evening, no microwaves (that I know of) are available for student use. What does that mean and why am I even bothering to write an article on such a seemingly simple issue?

Simply put my fellow Voyageurs, that means that after the Aramark-designated hour, you can't warm up food that you bring from home.

I for one commute to school everyday and enjoy wholeheartedly the wonderfully made meals from my Nanima (Grandmother on my mother's side). For example, just the other day, I had a container of rice mixed with zucchini and mince meat

curry. The problem is though, that sometimes when I have to stay at school late I catch myself hoping that the day's wonderful meal (usually a surprise) is something that doesn't require warming!

This is obviously a ludicrous idea.

For those who are on the 'DL' for Indian food, coming across food that doesn't require warming and taste good at the same time is a rarity, to say the least. And not just Indian food either. Sometimes I bring in Mr. Noodles cups. For these, one just needs to add water and pop it into the micro for a measly 3 minutes. Without the heating though, all you have is a hard-packed horde of noodles.

So basically, the issue is this: stay at school late enough (even up to library closing time, which by the way, is only 11 o'clock), and you won't have anywhere to warm up your food. Forget for a minute that you won't have

anywhere to warm it up, but you also won't have anywhere to buy food from!

After spending several long and hungry weeks pondering on the idea and after talking with peers who also stay at school late, I have a few possible solutions.

Before I go any further though, let me be clear. I haven't spoken with Aramark about this issue, and so I can't present both sides of the argument – only the student's perspective.

The first solution that came to mind, and perhaps the most obvious one is that a microwave should be placed somewhere outside the cafeteria doors after they close. I think that this solution is the most basic one, and all other solutions must stem from it or be a variation of it. If both the Science Caf and the Great Hall moved their respective microwaves outside, it would be most convenient for the greatest number of students. Students who are studying in

the library would find both distances about equal. In addition, these two areas are nearly on opposite sides of the campus, resulting in the most 'strategic' locations. Finally, the most important reason for the microwaves to be there is that they're already in those cafeterias! After closing time, they aren't being used by anyone and are really just sitting idly (which also really annoyed me).

Then I thought, well, why hasn't Aramark already done that? In its infinite wisdom, the large corporation must have thought about the plight of commuting students who stay at school late right? I thought that maybe, they might be worried about unsupervised use of the microwaves, or even, of theft of these valuable assets. A possible solution could be to either 'house' them or secure them in such a way that the removal of the machines would not be possible.

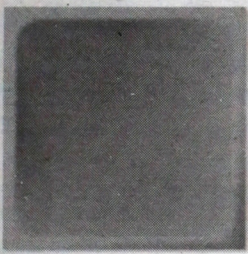
Vandalism or improper use of the microwave is another problem one might foresee. I'm proud to say that the Laurentian community is one of the safest around, but nowadays, you just never know. So, it would be prudent to place the microwaves either in a fairly public spot, or in an area under surveillance. Both of these would act as a deterrent.

Finally, on a side note, I think there should be more microwaves in the cafeterias. A minimum of at least one more in both the Great Hall and the Science Caf would be amazing. That would bring the grand total of microwaves available to the entire student body to a grand total of 5 (there's one in the Student center – which is also open till 7 pm).

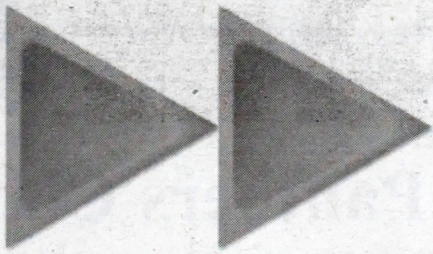
Just so you know how serious I am about this issue, I've compiled some useful statistics:

- * Total campus headcount: 9100
- * Percentage of those who would likely bring lunch/dinner from home: 20% (est.)
- * Average tuition fees(round figure): \$5,000.00
- * Average cost of a microwave(round figure): \$100.00
- * Satisfaction of a warm meal on a cold day: Priceless

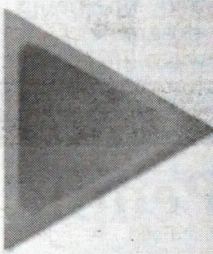
To end this term (and academic year, sadly), let me just wish and pray for a quick and practical solution to the Laurentian microwave fiasco. Have a great summer holiday Laurentian! See you back here September 2008!



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Josh Buck
Science & Tech

Greetings all,

I hope everyone had an eggstastic long weekend or at least a hopping good time, I know I did. Ok enough Easter puns already I know. For me there was no going home but it was awesome still, there was an 80's themed party which involved a ladies white pant suit a few sizes to size and a lovely turkey dinner shared with friends. Ok I confess the turkey was a TV dinner and it was less than stellar but the company made up for it. Old friends and new united over the warm glow of a microwave oven, oh the luxuries of our modern life.

But enough about my simple life and now onto much more complicated story. Our editor in chief sent me this story and I felt compelled to share it with all my readers. It is a tragic and heart warming story of a transgendered man who has become pregnant with a child. His name is Thomas Beatie legally a man from Oregon. He is legally married to his wife Nancy and in his small town does not stick out from the crowd, at least not yet. Because sterilization is not required for sex reassignment Thomas was able to keep his female reproductive organs while having his breasts removed and having testosterone therapy. Thomas decided that he would carry their child because Nancy had had a hysterectomy and was unable to, it was not a decision made lightly but Thomas

grey matter with Josh Buck

stopped taking his bimonthly testosterone injections and once again started having his menstrual cycle. This is the heart warming portion of the story. I would like to be able to say to you all that the world has accepted Thomas and Nancy for their beautiful marriage and their decision to bring a child into this world. However that is not the case. Thomas tells his story of how hard it is to find a doctor who will treat him and the trials his family has put him through. They have been discriminated against by doctors, laughed at by receptionists and unsupported by friends and family, what a tragic world we live in. We have the technology to allow Thomas to become pregnant but when he tries doctors turn him away because he does not look female. How do these doctors justify their blatant unethical treatment of Thomas? It makes me sad to think that had it been Nancy who approached the doctors or reproductive specialists that she would have had no problems but due to Thomas's physical appearance he was judged unfairly. Thomas has been through nine different doctors, I cannot even imagine what that must be like. To have to overcome such obstacles from people who are sworn to do no harm, yet apparently they do not care about emotion harm at all. Shameful just shameful. Thomas' first pregnancy ended up being a ectopic pregnancy with triplets. It was a life-threatening event that required surgical intervention, resulting in

the loss of all embryos and his right fallopian tube. When his own brother found out about his lose he said "It's a good thing that happened. Who knows what kind of monster it would have been." Again brutal my jaw dropped as I read this line, what kind of brother would say such a thing.

Thomas is currently pregnant again and expecting on July 3rd of this year and I say congrats Thomas, the first man I know of, aside from the governor, who has become pregnant. Being a man who one day looks forward to having children of his own it must be a truly incredible feeling to be the one carrying your child. For the rest of us plain old males there is technology that is being developed right out of "Jr." Who knows maybe one day my brother will become pregnant and I know I will be far more supportive of him than Thomas' brother was. I should hope that all students in a setting of higher education would embrace all members of their community for what they are and not be social norms. What a world that would be indeed. I look forward to reading about Thomas and how his delivery goes and hopefully one day down the road he might share what that feeling is like from a mans perspective and enlighten all us males a little bit more.

Thanks for stopping by,

Joshua

On This Day in History

1969 - Mariner 7 is launched.

1970 - The Concorde makes its first supersonic flight

Born this day in history

1845 - Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen, German physicist, Nobel Prize laureate

1847 - Otto Wallach, German chemist, Nobel Prize laureate

Died this day in history

1850 - Wilhelm Beer, German astronomer

1967 - Jaroslav Heyrovský, Czech chemist, Nobel Prize laureate

Did you know?

That the oldest known lemon squeezers were found in Kütahya, Turkey and date to the first quarter of the 18th century? Meaning those Turkish kids have been setting up lemonade stands for decades longer than us Canadians. Watch out for Turkish lemonade conglomerates on your local corner this summer!



Short, Jealous People and Panthers Clawing at the Brink

Matt Strickland



Again this week, Quantum Dots cuts the most important scientific breakthroughs and discoveries from the past two week into bite-sized morsels for you to enjoy.

Short people are jealous people?

Scientists from Spain and the Netherlands have published a paper claiming that shorter men and women of average height are more likely to feel intense jealousy when faced with a romantic competitor. The researchers had 549 men and women fill out questionnaires about which traits in others made them feel most jealous as well as how strongly they felt the emotion. Men, first of all, were found to be most irked by attractive, rich, and strong rivals while women were most jealous of others' charm and beauty. The intensity of the jealousy, however, was found to be height-dependent. Taller men were found to be more relaxed

when faced with romantic rivals than men of shorter stature. Women, on the other hand were generally most relaxed when they were of average height. Both taller and shorter females exhibited greater jealousy when faced with a charming and beautiful competitor. The scientists attribute this result to reproductive fitness. Tall men and women of average height have been shown in previous studies to be most successful at finding partners. Therefore, the paper argues, these people don't need to be nearly as worried of losing their partner—they already have more holding power and, if worst comes to worst, they can always find another.

Dire predictions for China's CO2 emissions

With new data provided by the Chinese government, researchers at the University of California have calculated some pretty depressing projections of China's future CO2 emissions. Conservative computer modeling predicts Chinese emissions will have risen 600 million tonnes between the years 2000 and 2010. Contrast this with the total reduction achieved by nations participating in the Kyoto Accord—estimated at about 120 million tonnes by 2010—and it's obvious that the effort to control carbon release is in pretty big trouble. The new estimates based on data from China's provinces instead of just nation-wide information, are much gloomier than

previous forecasts. Former projections had China's emissions rising somewhere between 2.5% and 5% per year, but that number has now been revised to 11%. Because China is still considered a developing country by the United Nations, it is not required to harness its carbon release although it may choose to do at some point in the future. For now, we are privileged observers as 1.3 billion Chinese start benefiting from cars, air conditioning, and other modern power sucks we've been taking for granted.

Florida Panthers were playing short-handed

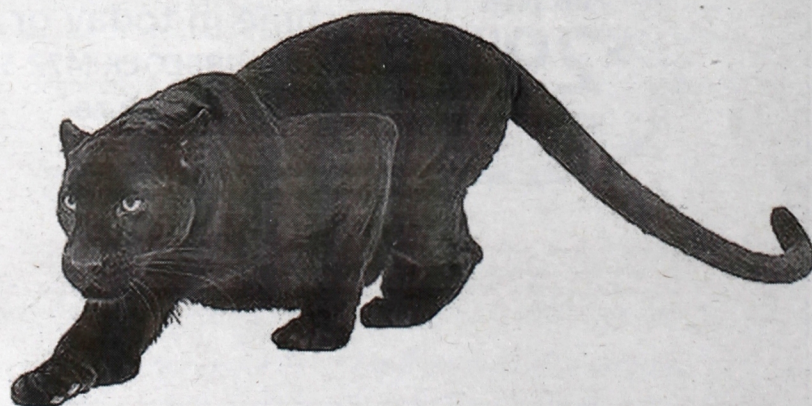
New genetic studies on the Florida Panther—one of the most endangered species on Earth—showed that their numbers may have dipped to as low as six individuals before conservation efforts helped reestablish the population. Researchers compared the DNA of cats from the 1980s with that of museum specimens collected in the 1800s. The genetic diversity of present-day panthers was about one third that of their ancestors who had lived only 100 years ago. The scientists then used computer models to help determine just how small a population would have to get in order to cause such a radical loss in genetic diversity. The most likely scenario, the computers predicted, was that at one

point the world was down to a mere six reproducing Florida Panthers. Furthermore, by looking at the mitochondrial DNA—a special kind of DNA passed on only from mothers to their children—the researchers determined that there may have been as few as one female among the six. Because of the subsequent inbreeding, Florida Panthers have been plagued by a number of health problems like poor sperm quality and undescended testicles. In 1995, conservationists introduced a number of Texan pumas to southern Florida in order to help diversify the genetic stock.

People speaking without speaking

People may soon be able to carry out phone conversations without uttering a word. Ambient Corporation, a company already well known for technology which allows people to control wheelchairs using only intentions to

move, recently demonstrated the first voiceless telephone call. Essentially users train themselves to send nervous signals to their vocal cords, but not to produce any sound. They then don the Ambient neckband which intercepts these signals and transmits them wirelessly to a computer where they are filtered, processed, and translated into speech. The speech signals can then be sent over the phone lines, converted to text, or used to find information using Google, among other things. The current version of the device can interpret roughly 150 words, but the company plans on releasing a prototype capable of recognizing entire phonemes—basic sounds like "ah", "ooh", "tee"—so that users can say whatever they want, albeit slowly. In the short run, the people who will most likely benefit from this invention are those with ALS and other neurological conditions which slowly erode their ability to speak and move.



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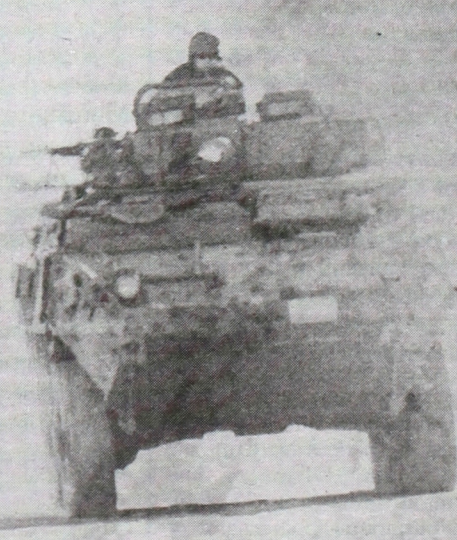
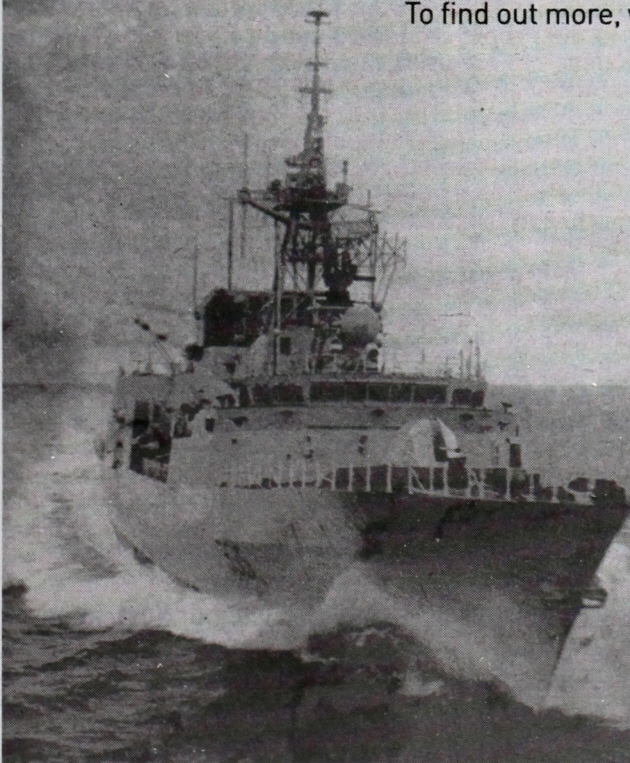


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Learning disability no hindrance for Lady Vees rookie

Maggie Frampton
Sports Editor

Often when one thinks about athletes with disabilities there is a common association with one who is physically disabled and unable to meet the same physical requirements. Fortunately for Meghan Joncas that's not the case. She is a rookie member of the Laurentian Lady Vees soccer team and current a first year nursing student who has a learning disability.

For Meghan her learning disability has not held her back in her sport but has played a major role in the classroom. Since grade three, Meghan has struggle with a verbal comprehension problem and difficulty with

phonics which means she often has a difficulty with memory and spelling. Meghan must be organised with her studies because it takes her much longer to accomplish an assignment than most students who are able to write and assignment the night before. She explained to me that she has a difficulty remembering how to spell simple words that often come easier to others.

I was discussing with Megan her disability I wondering how she has been able to be very successful in soccer? She explained to me that soccer has also come easy and her disability never affected her game. She is a visual learner which sports are mostly about, you learn a play and you practice it right away.

Meghan played on many of the high school girls sport teams where she developed the skills to balance both sports and academics. In high school she was able to plan everything in advance, with games, tournaments and homework. For many years she received tutoring in reading, spelling and grammar. Over time Meghan has developed methods to keep on top of everything and to make sure all her work gets done on time. She says she must stay organized and block her time for sport and academics. All athletes on campus must maintain a 70% average to stay on the team which Meghan has accomplished this year and will return to the LU soccer team next year.

Meghan described to me that often her coached and team mates do not even know she has a learning disability. Until she has to fill out forms for the team and ask someone how to spell something no one really knows. Some of her team mates are aware of her disability mostly due the group homework sessions together at away games.

During the off season, Meghan continues to play sports, indoor soccer in Sudbury and a swimming instructor as her summer employment in New Market. She thanks her parents for their continual support and correcting each assignment before she hands them in.



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Kristin McGeachy

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For various sports including basketball, indoor and outdoor soccer, 4x4 volleyball, beach volleyball and COED volleyball.

Referees are required to be up to date with the rules and regulations of the sports they are officiating for. They are responsible for the action on the playing surface. This is a great opportunity to gain leadership experience.

Scorekeepers are responsible for keeping track of points, fouls and timing of each event. Attention and focus are required as some games can come down to the wire and a one point difference can make or break the win!!! Experience in a position of responsibility looks great on a resume or in a portfolio.

Applications for any position can be picked up from the Active Living Office or The Intramural Office from Dorothy Pitzel Intramural Coordinator or Ron Larwood Manager of Active Living. Offices are located in the Ben Avery building in room B226. When handing in the application, please attach your resume with any work experience for specific sports outlined and current certifications.

A Master copy for the 2008/2009 Intramural season can be picked up in the Active Living Office (B226) Monday to Friday from 8:30am - 4:00pm beginning in April 2008.

Hope to see you soon!

Laurentian Intramurals Updates

Intramural Sports Wrap Up

Dan Maksenuk

With the 2007/08 Laurentian University Intramural season coming to an end, I would like to take the time to thank everyone who made it such a success. Special thanks to all participants, referees, scorekeepers, convenors, administration, and sponsors for making this year happen. Intramural sports are a great way to stay fit and relieve stress from

school. There are always great prizes and tons of fun to be had. Check out the Intramural calendar for the 2008/09 season next September and get involved. The Intramural Program at Laurentian University has a wide variety of sports available. There should be something for everyone. Please remember the new sports complex will be opening in the fall, so come out and have fun!

Pickle ball!

Kristin McGeachy

PICKLE BALL - If you like racquet sports here is a new challenge for you!

Pickle ball will be running for the second consecutive year! For those that are unfamiliar with this sport, it is a mix of badminton, tennis and ping pong. It is played on a badminton court with a lowered net and large ping pong paddles are used to hit the plastic waffle ball. This can be played either in a doubles or singles format. Pickle Ball was a great success last semester and we hope it will continue to bring out new players to join the veteran students.

All skill levels are welcome! If your looking too meet some friendly faces, or try out new and exciting sports, come out as an individual or as a team member and find the sports that are right for you. Registrations for Korfball and Pickle Ball will begin in the fall. Look for the Intramural posters in September with all your time and dates displayed. We look forward too providing another year of Intramural successes.

A Master copy for the entire Intramural season can be picked up in the Active Living Office, Ben Avery Building (B226) Monday to Friday from 8:30am - 4:00pm beginning in August 2008.

Korfball Tourney coming soon

Kristin McGeachy

KORFBALL - If you like basketball, Korfball is for you!

If you think you are up to the challenge of learning a new sport, there will be a one day tournament during the fall semester 2008.

Do you know what Korfball is? Neither did I, so let me explain. Think of Korfball as Basketball without a backboard and with nets set really high. The differences between the two are as follows:

- no dribbling or running with the ball
- passes are done in the air
- you can not score if you are being guarded (if your opponent is between you and the basket and within one arms reach and in a defensive stance)

There are eight players to a team, four females and four males. On the court at one time there are two females and two males per team. You can only guard someone of the same gender.

Keep your eyes and ears open. When someone asks you to be on their Korfball team.....you will already know what they are talking about!

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You get what you give!

Kristin McGeachy

Through out my time at Laurentian University I have learned and experienced a great many things. The main one being get involved! The more events, activities and programs you become involved with the more networking you can create for yourself and the more opportunities you can build and develop along the way.

My first experience becoming involved with Laurentian University was through the Program Organization Course required for the Sport and Physical Education Program. After gaining the skills needed to run an Intramural Event at that level, I was excited to develop these new found skills and applied for a senior position in the Intramural Program.

I became the 2007/2008 Intramural Student Leader and I was able to mentor the students who were new to the Intramural sport world. I was allowed course credit for my work in the Intramural office and was paid for my work as well.

While part of the Intramural team at Laurentian, I was still able to take part in the recreational sports that were offered. This involvement in itself created new friendships and a new awareness and appreciation for sports, I never would have taken parting in such sports as Pickle Ball, Korfball, and Snow Shoeing otherwise.

One of my favourite experiences, while at Laurentian University was the opportunity to embark on an International Exchange to Strathclyde University in Glasgow Scotland. I was able to study in a different country and experience first hand another culture. Upon completion of my semester abroad I was determined to see as much as Europe as possible! Alone at times, and with friends at others I traveled to fourteen different countries! I would never have been able to experience this easy accessible travel had I not pursued the exchange opportunity during my second year at Laurentian University.

Becoming involved in your school of choice shows your support to the people around you and widens your horizons and experiences. Your willingness to get involved shows character, maturity and good judgment. These attributes will not go unnoticed when entering into the workforce. Showing you can do more then "just learn" confirms you have an interest in developing yourself and others with the gift of your time and energy. It also, contributes to both your references and resume in the job search when you graduate.

So, get involved and make things happen!

Laurentian University Fit for Heart Walk Event

Students encouraged to join Fit for Heart Walkathon

According to Statistics Canada (2004), "Every 7 minutes in Canada, someone dies from heart disease or stroke" (Cited in Heart and Stroke Foundation, 2008). As well, eight in 10 Canadians (80%) have at least one risk factor for heart disease or stroke which is smoking, alcohol, physical inactivity, obesity, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and diabetes (The Heart and Stroke Foundation). It is estimated that if you are inactive and become physically active, you can reduce heart attack risk by 35% to 55% (The Heart and Stroke Foundation, 2006).

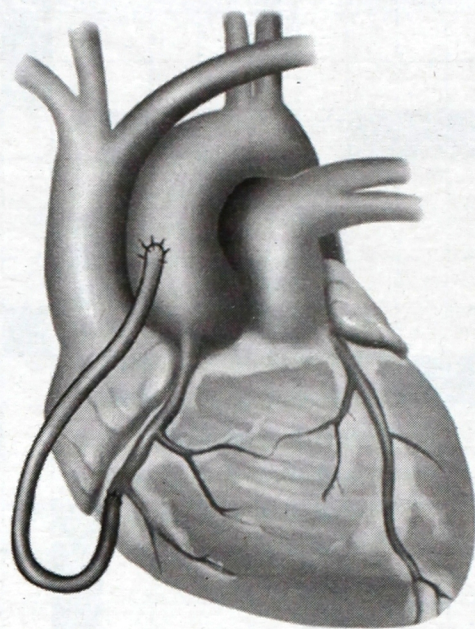
Two nursing students want you to take a walk with them. Harmony Restoule

and Jee Hee Lee, are currently working with Laurentian Health Services, are asking for fellow students, faculty and administration to join them for the Laurentian University Fit for Heart Walk.

"The event date will be the beginning of the exam period. This event will help students and faculty members relax their mind and enjoy the nature outside as well as doing good things for others" Jee Hee suggested. The walk is scheduled for April 3th, and will start at the bowling alley. Participants will walk a 2.5 kilometre circuit to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Anyone interested in participating is asked to RSVP by March 31. The pair can be found set up in the Science II Foyer on Thursday, March 27 from 10 am to 2 pm, collecting names. Willing participants can also register by contacting Lyne Rivet at lrivet@laurentian.ca, or by phone at 675-1151 ext. 1055.

While participants can solicit pledges, Harmony and Jee Hee indicated raising pledges is not a necessity. The goal is just to get people out to walk. Prizes will be offered for those who raise pledges, but all participants, whether they raise pledges or not, will have their names entered into a draw to win an SONY MP3 Player.

Those interested in raising pledges are invited to pick up an envelop at the Health Services office, Room G-23 at the Single Student Residence, or they can register online at www.fitforheart.ca



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Singing in the Strain...

Jan Carrie Steven

I read the following on Wikipedia. It has to be right, eh?!

Singing is considered by some to have positive effects on peoples' health. A preliminary study based on self-reported data from a survey of students participating in choral singing found perceived physical benefits including increased lung capacity, improved mood, stress reduction, as well as perceived social and spiritual benefits...

Singing may positively influence the immune system through the reduction of stress. One study found that both singing and listening to choral music reduces the level of stress hormones and increases immune function.

Penny Wang, co-founder of the New York Chinese-American Arts & Culture Association, Vice President of a GIS Common Data Base Engineering Group, and accomplished opera singer, states, "Practicing opera is a great stress release. After working all week, sometimes until late in the evening, I really look forward to my Sunday rehearsals. They clear my mind and give me a fresh start for work on Monday."

Ah, but you're heading into exams right now and don't think you have time to learn to appreciate opera. Not only that, you have to cram your head full of seeming unrelated bits of information which you then have to be able to spew within three hours in the gym. Well count your lucky stars. A Laurentian student, Carolyn Steven, has written words to an opera song that you already know because you've heard on The Simpsons in the Cape Feare episode. (You remember Sideshow Bob and Bart singing their way down the river to Springfield.) And this parody is full of tidbits of easily forgotten information.

By the way, the singer's name is "Baron" and he's an arrogant ghost of an English Literature student, methinks. Sing this to the tune of the Major-General's Song from Pirates of Penzance.

BARON

I am the very phantom of a modern Baron-General,
I've information paranormal,
poltergeist, and spect-a-ral,
I know the kings of Gaming, and
I quote the Bards historical
From Romeo to Juliet, in order
categorical;
For my knowledge of poetry I
deserve a medallion,

I understand the rhyming
schemes: Shakespearean, Italian,
About the mortal life span, well,
I'd say I've heard a lot o' news -
With many ghastly facts that'd
scare the hair right off of kangaroos!

ALL

With many ghastly facts that'd
scare the hair right off of kangaroos!

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scare the hair right off of kangaroos!

BARON

I'm very fond of Hollywood and
quite a fan of Banderas.

I do enjoy Astronomy; my
favorite star is Romulus:

In short, in matters paranormal,
poltergeist, and spect-a-ral,
I am the very phantom of a modern Baron-General.

ALL

In short, in matters paranormal,
poltergeist, and spect-a-ral,
He is the very phantom of a modern Baron-General.

BARON

I enjoy mythic history, both
Faerie Queen and Camelot's.
I dislike loud acoustics, as I prefer
silence for my thoughts!

I'm very fond of Grecian art pertaining
to Odysseus,

I've even seen things that would
give then take sight from
Teiresias;

I gawked at David's nakedness
and sobbed for dismal Sisyphus.
I've even had the chance to see
the stones of the Acropolis!

I've sung a song of sixpence and
I've laughed at almost every war.
And most of all I've gone where
no man's ever dared to go
before!

ALL

And most of all he's gone where
no man's ever dared to go before!
And most of all he's gone where
no man's ever dared to go before!
And most of all he's gone where
no man's ever dared to go before!

BARON

That I can write a parody of musi-

cals in wondrous form,
And sing them all in order without
making it a horrid swarm:
In short, in matters paranormal,
poltergeist, and spect-a-ral,
I am the very phantom of a modern Baron-General.

ALL

In short, in matters paranormal,
poltergeist, and spect-a-ral,
He is the very phantom of a modern Baron-General.

BARON

I've flitted through the opera scene
and plucked a note with Pamina,
her notes are high, her muscles
tense, one really must have stamina!

I've watched parades like Macy's
Day and cheered when Babe Ruth
was at bat,

I even made Chuck Norris my
own personalized Welcome Mat!
When I embroider my response
and fill it with my punnery,
When I quote Shakespeare just to
tell you "GET THEE TO A NUN-
NERY";

In short, whenever I begin to boast
superiority,
You'll say, "A better Baron-
General? There isn't one to see."

ALL

We'll say "A better Baron-
General? There isn't one to see."
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General? There isn't one to see."
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General? There isn't one to one to
see."

BARON

I'm not a modest soul, in fact I'm
smarmy and that pleases me,
I've more brute force than any
ghost from Gotham penitentiary;
But still, in matters paranormal,
poltergeist, and spect-a-ral,
I am the very phantom of a modern Baron-General.

ALL

But still, in matters paranormal,
poltergeist, and spect-a-ral,
He is the very model of a modern Baron-General.

Now, don't you feel a whole
lot better? Best wishes in
exams!

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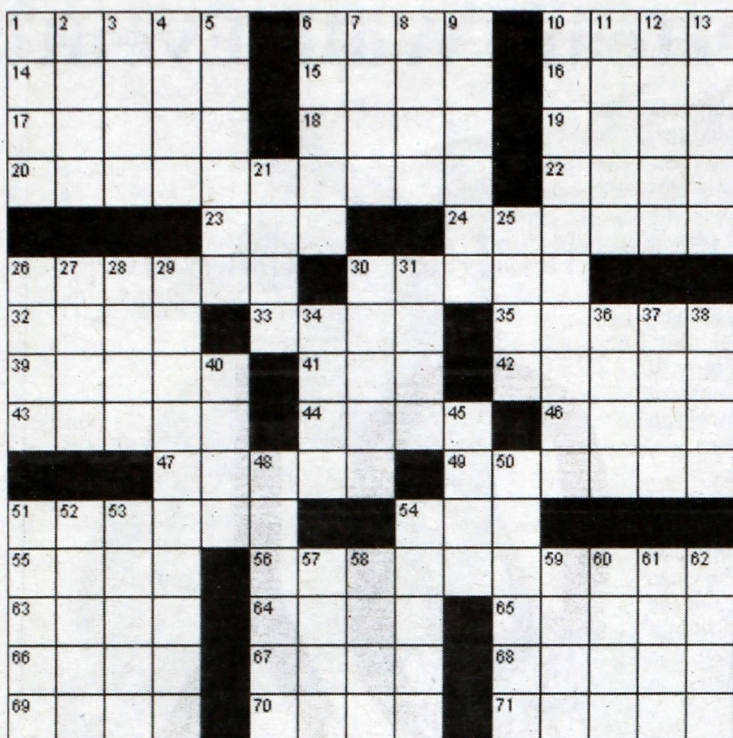
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ACROSS

1. Knights wore this
6. Fired a projectile
10. Sodium chloride
14. A moderate purple
15. A three-tone Chadid language
16. Wild African sheep
17. A small picture inserted within another
18. Ends a prayer
19. Give temporarily
20. Interruption
22. Wizard
23. Fish eggs
24. Deletes
26. Acquires knowledge
30. Branchlet
32. Assistant
33. Pocketbook
35. Sudden blasts of wind
39. Boasts
41. Frozen water
42. Trap
43. Plasma
44. Goes astray
46. Perishes
47. Rental agreement
49. Puts up
51. Spread in an irregu-

lar way

54. Traverse across snow
55. Duo
56. Purposeful
63. Tangelo
64. City in Norway
65. Great brightness
66. Encounter
67. Prig
68. Strange or spooky
69. Current
70. TTTT
71. Move stealthily

DOWN

1. Among
2. Hindu princess
3. Untidyness
4. Across
5. Come back
6. Condition of existence
7. Prefix indicating half
8. Chocolate cookie
9. One who makes leather
10. A salad of eggs and meats
11. Regions
12. Lurch or thrust
13. High, low and neap

21. Model

25. Manipulates by dishonest means
26. Scientific work-places
27. Ireland
28. Hebrew month
29. Invariability
30. City in Bolivia
31. A support for a bridge
34. Neckwear
36. Uttered aloud
37. Oak or birch
38. Dried hemp leaves
40. Fish duck
45. Japanese rice wine
48. Not quite
50. Overeats
51. Froth
52. Summoned
53. Anagram of "Idler"
54. Arrogant people
57. Anglo-Saxon slave
58. Found in some skin lotions
59. Singer — Campbell
60. Ticket price
61. Murres
62. Scallion

It's Almost Time For You To Notice The River

I have been a teacher all of my adult life and lately I find myself wondering if our education system, of which I have been a part, has adequately prepared our youth for the challenges of life that lay ahead once they enter the real world that waits to engulf them once they leave finally leave the classroom to set out on the rest of their journey of life.

At times, I have felt a lot like the Master in the story told by Anthony de Mello.

"As the Master grew old and infirm, the disciples begged him not to die. The Master said, 'If I did not go, how would you ever see?'"

"What is it we fail to see when you are with us?" they asked.

But the Master would not say.

When the moment of his death was near, they said, "What is it we will see when you are gone?"

With a twinkle in his eye, the Master said, "All I did was sit on the riverbank handing out river water. After I'm gone, I trust you will notice the river."

Every time I read that story I get a chill running up and down my spine; for it is true that the best teachers in the world are those who sit on the "riverbank handing out river water".

I have always been convinced that most of knowledge is "caught, not taught", and so our true responsibility as professional educators is to provide leadership to our pupils, regardless of their age, and to facilitate learning experiences which will enable them to "notice the river" after they leave us. Our role is to hand out the "river water of knowledge and learning experiences" in the hopes that our pupils will be able to see

the whole river when we are no longer part of their lives.

My message this week is intended for all of the graduates who will soon be finished with their formal education. It is also for all of you who may be thinking of interrupting your education for a year or two to go out to work and review your goals. The time has come for you to "notice the river".

If the years you have been in school were in any way beneficial, you will indeed notice the river which has carried you during your life's journey. It is a river that has grown in size through the experiences you have encountered along the way. As you go forth to meet new challenges, you may never fully realize the value of those experiences, but your attitude and determination to succeed will surely have grown from the water which was handed out to you in the past by all of your teachers, including those from whom you learned valuable lessons while outside of the classroom. While you were a student, you could not possibly have noticed the river. You were too busy focussing on the bits of water you were given at the time and trying to maintain your balance as you sought out the meaning of your own life.

But now as you walk away from the classroom for the final time and you leave the comfort zone provided by your teachers who were there to guide and motivate you along the way, you should be able to finally gaze upon the world of opportunity at your feet and clearly see the river which is flowing quickly and surely in the direction you have chosen. You will now be able to recognize that each time you were handed a cup of water, your personal river grew larger and more splendid.

As you go forward into your new career, remember the story about the university graduate who met with his boss on his first day of work. The graduate went on and

on about all of the things he had taken in school and tried to impress the boss with what he knew about the job. The boss quietly served the graduate a cup of coffee and began to pour. He filled the cup to the brim and then kept pouring. The graduate watched the overflowing cup until he could no longer restrain himself.

"It's overfull! No more will go in!" the graduate blurted.

"You are like this cup," the boss replied. "How can you expect to fit in with this company unless you first empty your cup?"

So I say to all graduates as well as all of you who are going to step away from the relatively safety you have enjoyed while in this institution of higher learning, as you make your journey through life, pay attention to the new "teachers" along the way who are there to hand you some more water to add to your river. Each time your cup is filled with a new experience, empty it into your personal river, making it even more spectacular and magnificent. Always be willing to fill your cup with new water and as you look back upon the river it will be something you can be proud of. Soon, it will be you who will be sitting by the riverbank handing out river water, just like the Master in the story.

Remember, "Wisdom tends to grow in proportion to one's awareness of one's ignorance. When you come to see you are not as wise today as you thought you were yesterday, you are wiser today."

Have a good week!

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